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The IDEALIST Mission C565C as planned herein is approved for 8 November 1965.

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not available at 1430 hrs. Mr. Shelden had been notified by impending go-no-go at 1145 hrs by proxy approval by phone - Mr. Helms to

Deputy Director for Science and Technology 25X1

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Deputy Director for Central Intelligence 1145 hours

Mr. Elder approved going on Mr. Helms' proxy - Mr. E. will notify Adm. Raborn who unavailable at 1440 hrs., 7 Nov.

Director of Central Intelligence

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TARGET COVERAGE PLANNED FOR MISSION C565C (1)

(Numbers 1 thru 7 correspond with highest priority targets on facing map)

HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS:

1. Fo Hai Army Barracks
2. Ssu Mao Military Area
3. Kun Ming Complex
4. Kun Ming Airfield
5. Kai Yuan 13th Army Hq.
6. Meng Tzu Army Barracks
7. Meng La Army Barracks

ADDITIONAL TARGETS COVERED ENROUTE (SECONDARY):

Man Nai Army Barracks
Che Li Military Activity
Ssu Mao Airfield, North
Pu Erh Military Barracks
Ching Ku Military Area
An Ning Complex
I'Liang Army Barracks
Lu Liang Airfield
Po Hsi Chieh Army Barracks
Mi Hu Army Barracks Complex

MISSION DATA

DISTANCE:	2572 NM
TIME:	6+55
T/O FUEL:	1345
HI CONE:	190
ENTRY ALT:	69.5M
PROFILE:	MAX RANGE TO DANANG, THEN MAX ALT.

BRIEF VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE:

The only known threat to this mission are MIG-21 aircraft in the South China area. The MIG-21 capability against the U-2 at mission altitude is only marginal. Defensive electronic systems installed in the U-2 should prevent a successful intercept by an unknown SAM Site. (See MIG-21 Order of Battle on facing map.)

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JUSTIFICATION FOR COVERAGE OF TARGETS BY MISSION C565C

Monthly coverage of priority targets in South China, as well as weekly coverage of one-fourth of the priority targets, was directed by the United States Intelligence Board (1). The targets for South China coverage are shown on the map, page four. The latter has been provided by COMOR. Additions and deletions, however, have been made by COMOR since this map was published (2).

Periodic coverage of the priority targets should provide the Intelligence Community with sufficient information concerning a possible increased Order of Battle in South China, from which the Intelligence Community could make a more accurate estimate of the Chicom posture and intentions relative to the Vietnam situation.

Coverage of targets planned for this mission has not been accomplished during the past thirty days.

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(1) USIB-D-41.14/223
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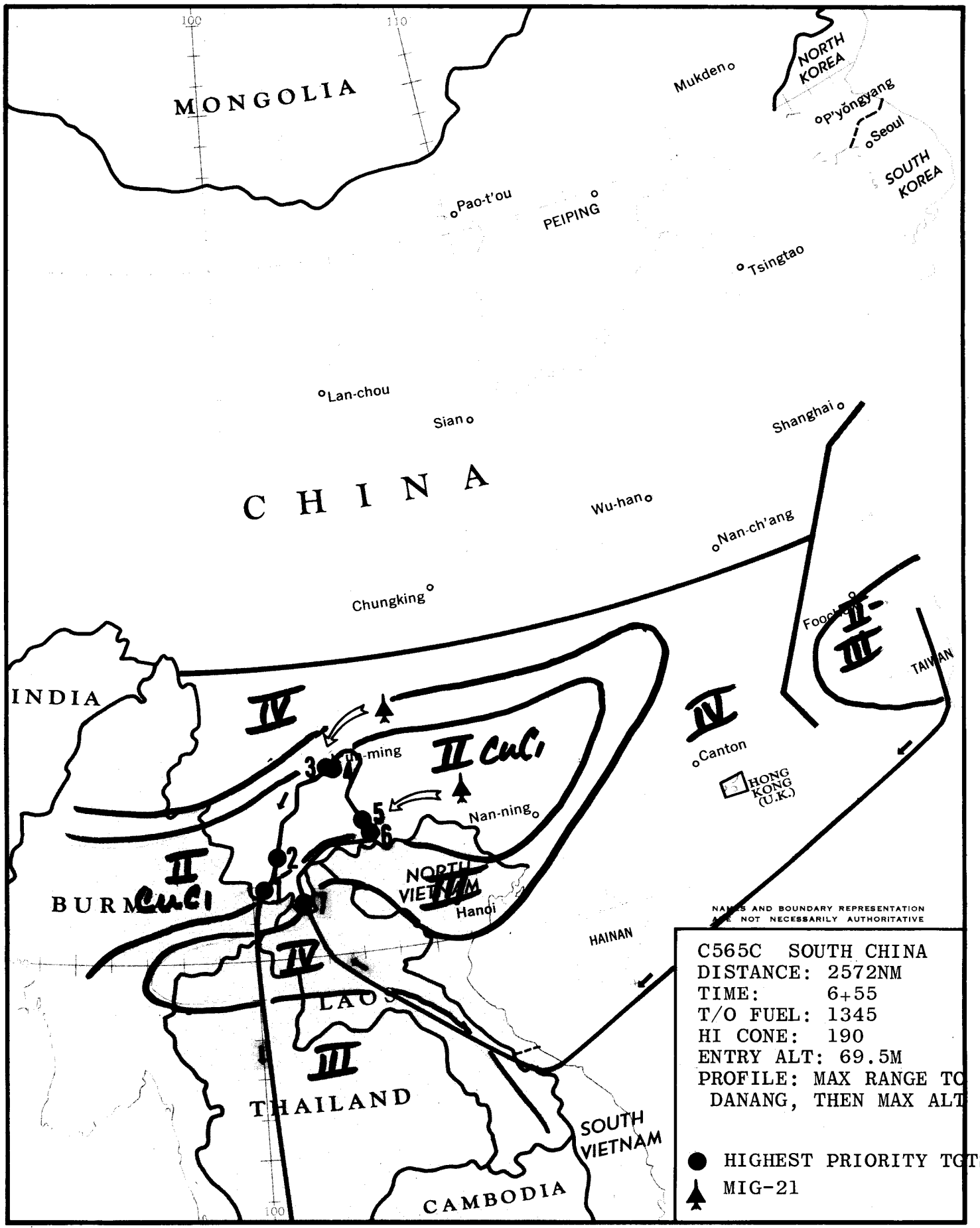

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